

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic camera recording/playback apparatus having a function of shooting a subject and a function of editing shot data, and comprising a main unit and a display unit which displays a shot image or an edited image, and is able to take plural attitudes to the main unit:

wherein said display unit takes,

a closed attitude in which a display screen of the display unit confronts the side surface of the main unit, and the rear surface of the display unit is exposed;

a shooting attitude in which the display unit is released from the side surface of the main unit; and

an editing attitude in which the display screen of the display unit is in parallel with the side surface of the main unit and is exposed to the outside.

2. The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 1 including:

attitude recognition means for recognizing that the display unit takes any of the closed attitude, the shooting attitude, and the editing attitude; and

mode switching means for setting the main unit in the power-off state, the ready-for-shooting state, or the ready-for-editing state when the attitude recognition means recognizes that the display unit takes the closed attitude, the shooting attitude, or

the editing attitude, respectively.

3. The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 2 wherein:

    said display unit is provided with a plurality of operation buttons arranged on the periphery of the display screen; and

    the respective operation buttons are used correspondingly to the operations for shooting in the shooting attitude and the operations for editing in the editing attitude, in the shooting attitude and the editing attitude, respectively.

4. The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein said mode switching means displays the function descriptions of the respective operation buttons in each of the shooting attitude and the editing attitude, on the display screen, in positions corresponding to the respective operation buttons.

5. The electronic camera recording/playback apparatus of Claim 4 further including:

    mounting means on which an external memory unit holding system data of another equipment is mounted;

    mounting recognition means for recognizing that the external memory unit is mounted on the mounting means; and

    system data storage means for holding the system data stored in the external memory unit.